

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2012
6:00 P.M.

The Parks and Recreation Board held a special meeting on the above date and time at the Laughlin Park Shelter House.

President Sue Otte called the meeting to order. Members present were Paul Barada Sr., Dave Malson and James Zachery. Also present were: Parks Director Danny Mathews, Secretary Carla Sharpe, Attorney Julie Newhouse, League President Ryan Berkemeier, Parks Liaison Brad Berkemeier, Street Commission Jemmy Miller and concerned citizens Susan Tebee.

Zachery shared with the group that himself, the baseball and softball reps and the Police Department met to discuss the parking issue at the ball diamonds.

In Police Chief Tucker's absence, Zachery shared with the group a drawing of the Boys Diamond and where they have decided to put a parking area.

(See attached diagram)

They will put a parking area in the large grassy area. They are going to put up a 5 foot fence with ties to make parking by the street.

They will be creating a walking path for people to walk and a safe zone for kids.

They will create an entrance off of 2nd Street which will allow one way traffic going through and an exit by softball diamond.

Barada suggested crossing guards like the school system has.

Mathews stated he is hopeful the parks patrol will train people orderly and at least one of them could help in the area.

Zachery stated it will take a week for people to be trained to park like they are supposed to.

Barada suggested telling the coaches to share info with their kids so people will get used to the new arrangements.

This will be a minimal inconvenience.

Miller stated the cross paths will be put in in a week.

Zachery stated the Girls Softball has agreed to pay for all the stone but he feels it is partially the Parks Department's responsibility.

Malson made a motion to pay for half of the stone and the Girls Softball pay the other half.

Susan Tebbe was present. She is a property owner on Ivy Street. She has seen kids almost get hit on bicycles.

She would like to see Alonzo Drive on the west side be "residential parking" only.

On the east side of Alonzo Drive people park 2-3 feet onto her property.

When people park on both sides of the road, there is only 14 feet of travel space.

People block her renters in. She has even put big rocks on property to stop traffic and they just move them.

She would like to suggest residential parking only on the property side.

She was told she would have to go to the City Council to get a residential parking sign as an ordinance will have to be adopted in order to enforce the issue.

Sharpe will put her on the next agenda.

Ryan Berkemeier was present and stated the problem seems to be that we have more kids now than ever playing ball.

He stated we actually need to build a complex.

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Barada made a motion to approve Chief Tucker’s planned drawing with the addition of a member of the parks patrol at 2nd Street crossing, as often as available, to prevent kids from darting across the street and motorist from not being observant at the crosswalks. Zachery seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Malson then made a motion that the Parks Board, through the Non Reverting Fund, pay for half of the gravel, not more than \$500, for the girl’s softball. Barada seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Barada asked that an article be put in the paper alerting people of this change at Laughlin Park.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

SUE OTTE, PRESIDENT

PAUL BARADA SR. VICE PRESIDENT

DAVE MALSON, MEMBER

WILL ST. JOHN, MEMBER

AARON GURLEY, MEMBER

JAMES ZACHERY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY